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=1= افتتاحية عنوانها "لن نستسلم".

=2= تعريف بمنظمة التحرير الفلسطينية.

=3= بيان صادر عن رؤساء بلديات في الضفة الغربية وقطاع غزة.

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=5= جرائم الحرب الإسرائيلية.

=6= أخبار ولوحات.



PALESTINE WILL WIN

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THE UNTOLD NEWS OF THE SIXTH WAR

Since the creation of the state of Israel, there have been six major wars between the Zionist state and its neighbors: 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1978 and the current one. Because reports in the U.S. mass media have not accurately portrayed the situation in Lebanon, we have reprinted the following excerpts from WAFA (the official Palestine Informative Service). WAFA was the first to report Israeli use of cluster bombs, phosphorous bombs, and poison gas and has consistently broadcast the truth about the current genocidal war so that the whole world can know what is really happening.

- 120,000 Israeli soldiers are now reported to be in Lebanon. At the beginning of the invasion (June 6), there were only 25,000.
- An Israeli official announced that "Israel was shocked by the fierce resistance of the joint Palestinian-Lebanese forces."
- The joint forces of the Lebanese National Movement and the PLO are conducting military operations behind enemy lines from the South of Lebanon to Beirut.
- On June 10, Major Generak Yakuti Adam, the Deputy Commander of the Israeli army and former head of Israeli military intelligence, was shot and killed near Nabatiyeh by a 13-year old fighter. Also killed in the attack was a Colonel.
- General Ariel Etan, the Commander of the Israeli army, was shot and wounded in the fighting at Beirut airport.
- In the assault on Beaufort castle, at least 90 Israeli soldiers died. In desperation, the Zionists then destroyed the castle by dropping 2000-pound bombs. D-Z poison gas (a powerful hallucinagenic chemical weapon) was dropped from hundreds of US-supplied planes. The Israeli forces, however, did not discover the carefully-prepared tunnels which had been dug under the castle. Ten days after the castle was destroyed, a PLO special unit emerged from these tunnels, and in vicious hand-to-hand fighting killed 18 of the enemy and destroyed 2 tanks. After their mission was accomplished, they rejoined their forces in the South. A record surprise assault was launched by the PLO on July 1. Five tanks were destroyed, and 30 aggressors were killed or wounded. The PLO unit returned to its bases with only 1 fighter wounded.
- The Israeli army has suffered at least 660 dead, 1000 wounded, and 80 captured soldiers. (There are 40 Israeli prisoners in Tyre's still unconquered old center, 23 in Sidon, and the rest in W. Beirut.)
- Israel requested information from the U.N. regarding 8 lieutenants held prisoner by the PLO.
- The joint forces have made all the necessary preparations for a confrontation in Beirut. The number of fighters in the combined forces of the PLO, Lebanese National Movement and Amal (Lebanese Shiites) in West Beirut at this time far exceeds what is being reported in the U.S. mass media.
- High-ranking Israeli officers have admitted the use of horrifying weapons (napalm, phosphorus bombs, and cluster bombs) which are banned by international law. Poison gas has been used not only in the fighting at Beaufort castle but also at Behaundoon, on the Beirut-Damascus highway against the combined forces. (See the article, "War Crimes," on page 4 for further information.)
- Israel announced the closing of hospitals to civilians and reserved them for their own military casualties.

BEIRUT:

- Since the first day of the war (June 6th), West Beirut and the surrounding areas from Khaldeh to the International Airport to the Palestinian's Camps inside and outside Beirut have been massively bombed daily and continuously.
- More than 500,000 civilians are living in west Beirut where they are subjected to constant shelling from Israeli warships and planes.
- Schools and hospitals were severely hit. Wounded people who were hospitalized have been killed from the barbaric shelling of Akaa and Gaza hospitals.
- Almost every building in West Beirut has been bombed and shelled in an attempt to "annihilate the PLO."
- The joint forces have heroically resisted more than 40 intensive attacks on Khaldeh from sea, land and air.
- More than 100 Israeli soldiers were killed or wounded in unsuccessful attempt to take control over Beirut International Airport.
- Israel is trying to tighten its grip on Beirut in conjunction with the Falangist forces.
- By June 16th, west Beirut was totally surrounded and the main Beirut-Damascus Highway was controlled by the Israelis.
- The situation now is very critical. Food, water, electricity and medical

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"WE WILL NOT SURRENDER"

In a message addressed today to the Arab, Lebanese and Palestinian masses, to Palestinians and Lebanese under occupation, and to all the fighters in the battlefield, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said that for 14 days the heroic Palestinian and Lebanese people have been fighting a vicious battle against the full weight of the Zionist enemy. Israel, he added, is the biggest military power in the region, and enjoys unlimited military, political, diplomatic and information backing by the U.S.A. This invasion, planned by the U.S., was executed amidst total silence internationally, and with the complicity of several hostile parties, he said.

Arafat declared that the treachery of consecutive ceasefires aims at anaesthetizing the masses of the region. But the world, which is in a state of shock, should know that men who were able to confront us — Israeli power, will remain faithful to their principles.

Arafat went on: 'Beirut is the first Arab capital whose gates the Zionist invaders have reached. Beirut is being bombarded by sea and air. But, the blood shed, the sacrifices and the martyrs will not have been in vain, for ultimately they will bring about Arab change, despite the hesitation of some and the cowering of others, which have paralyzed the Arab Nation's will. It is my duty to ask why there is hesitation and timidity given the fantastic human, economic, military and material potentials of our nation? We have been paying a tax in blood for the Arab's in the most noble battle with the enemy in our age.

Addressing the fighters in the field, he said "Despite the claims of the enemy, you are surprising the world with your heroism, which the enemy has unwillingly admitted. Your valour has surpassed their expectations and destroyed the myth that Israel can still wage lightning wars successfully, as had been admitted by their generals."

Arafat challenged these Israeli generals to admit their real losses and went on to say that already the Israelis have conceded that their losses are proportionately greater than in any previous war. They have suffered these losses although the battle is still at its height, and the battle of Beirut — The graveyard of conquerors — has not yet begun.

He concluded: "We are ready for this battle, which will be the Karbala of this age in terms of steadfastness, and the Stalingrad of the Arabs in terms of victory. The invaders and their American Imperialist masters will never conquer the will of the Lebanese people or of the Palestinian masses, which will ultimately be victorious and impose itself on history.

June 20, 1982

THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO)

The Palestine Liberation Organization is a democratically elected, progressive organization which governs the political, economic and social affairs of the Palestinian people. It is designated by the Palestinian people to realize their national rights to return to their own country and to exercise their right to self-determination.

The first National Congress, attended by representatives of the Palestinians, met in Jerusalem in May 1964 and elected an Executive Committee. This Committee oversees different Departments of the P.L.O. that deal with health, welfare, education, arts, and culture, diplomacy and other affairs. The 13th Palestine National Congress met in March 1977 in Cairo and reelected Chairman Yasser Arafat and an executive Committee of 14 members.

The Palestinian people send elected representatives to the National Congress from their different organizations. These include professional associations, such as teachers, doctors, lawyers; popular organizations, student unions, women's unions, writers and journalists unions; trade and labor organizations, political parties and movements. The Palestine National Congress includes representatives from the occupied territories (West Bank & Gaza). They are members of the Palestinian National Front, the organization that has led the struggle against Israeli occupation. Moreover, a number of Palestinian leaders whom Israel expelled from the West Bank and Gaza are represented in the Congress and Executive Committee. Israeli Arabs also have representatives in the National Congress.

The P.L.O. budget comes directly from Palestinians who pay an income tax which goes directly to the P.L.O. National Fund. Income from this source



represents 80% of the P.L.O. budget. The rest comes as aid directly from friendly countries and Arab popular contributions.

The P.L.O. has a vast program for social, economic, educational and human welfare of the Palestinians. In the last twelve years, it has built 50 hospitals and 120 medical clinics, which provide free medical treatment. It has built hundreds of schools and established special programs for the education of children. It established rehabilitation centers and vocational training centers. The Palestine Red Crescent (similar to the Red Cross) has been established to oversee the medical programs. The P.L.O. has also established research centers and encouraged the revival of Palestinian arts, film-making and literature.

The P.L.O. economic institution, Samed, employs more than 5000 men and women in factories run by elected workers' councils. The workers themselves make all major decisions including their rate of pay. The majority of these workers are the families of martyrs.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has a progressive ideology. It calls for the establishment of a secular, democratic, progressive state in Palestine where Jews, Christians and Moslems will co-exist with full and equal rights. In his 1974 speech to the United Nations, Yasser Arafat said: "We do distinguish between Judaism and Zionism. While we maintain our opposition to the colonialist Zionist movement, we respect the Jewish faith. . . . We deplore all the real discrimination suffered by them because of their faith." The P.L.O. has been officially recognized by over 120 countries as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Declaration of the Mayors and Leaders of the West Bank and Gaza.

We stand as one with all of our Palestinian people.

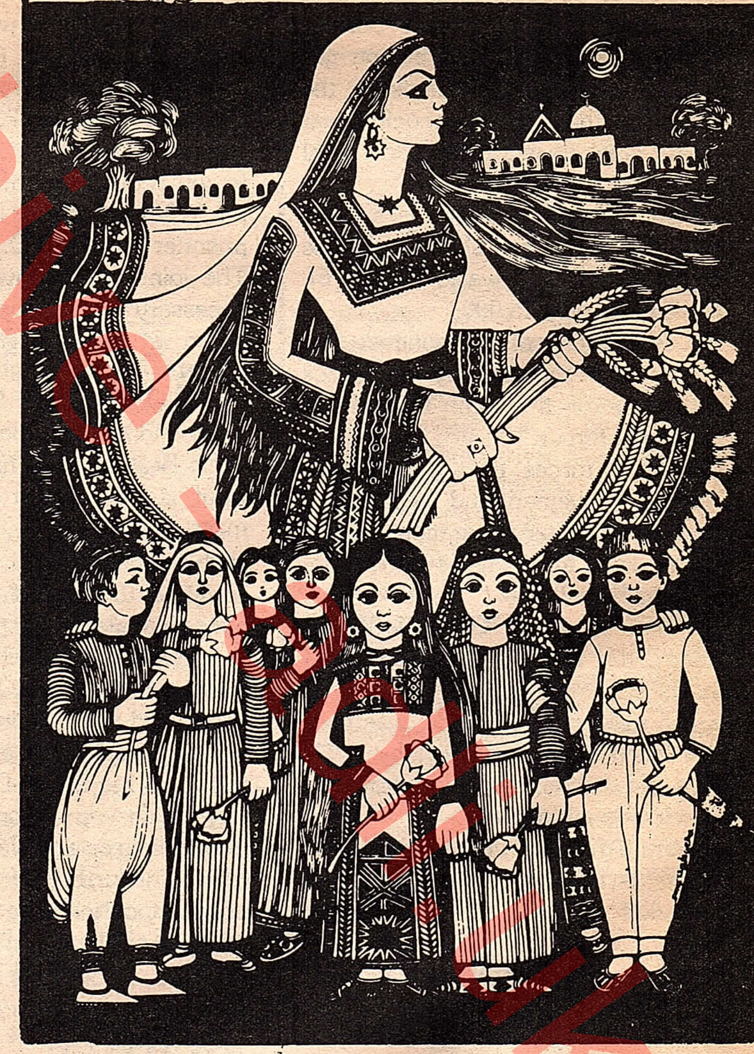
We have reviewed the Camp David Agreements, and we wish to state that we reject them. We do so because they serve only to strengthen Sadat's policy of surrender and to defeat the political gains won by our Palestinian Arab people. Those political gains, it should be remembered, were achieved by our people only after great sacrifice and they have been supported by the Algiers and Rabat Summit Conference and the United Nations General Assembly.

It is the aim of Sadat to subject the Arab world to neo-colonialism by defeating the Arab Liberation Movement and by isolating it from its allies in the international liberation struggle. His policies will increase tension in the area, and will subject it to cold war confrontation and to control by neo-colonialism.

The so-called "self-government" proposals for the occupied West Bank and Gaza only legitimize and strengthen the Israeli occupation. We thus consider it a plot against our people's inalienable rights to self-determination and to national independence in an independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO, the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

Our people have warned more than once that Sadat's policies of surrender would lead to a separate Egyptian peace with Israel, to a division in the Arab ranks, and to a liquidation of the Palestinian cause. Realizing these facts and being committed to the Palestinian Arab national responsibility, the Palestinian people in the occupied territories affirm the following:

1. The Palestinian Arab people inside and outside occupied Palestine are one; united through history, destiny and struggle.
2. The "self-government" proposal is totally rejected in form and content because it strengthens Israeli occupation and perpetuates Israeli oppression of our people.
3. The Palestinian people affirm and insist that the P.L.O. is its sole, legitimate representative and refuse any trusteeship or alternative, no matter in what form or shape.
4. We look forward to a just and lasting peace in the area, achieved only through our people's exercise of their right to self-determination and national independence, after total Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories and after establishing an independent Palestinian state.
5. Arab Palestinian sovereignty must return to Arab Jerusalem which is an indivisible part of the West Bank. This is a historical and spiritual cause which can not be compromised.



Signed by: *Kareem Khalaf* (Mayor of Ramallah), *Bassam al Shaka'a* (Mayor of Nablus), *Ibrahim al Tawil* (Municipal Council of al Bira), *Muhammad Milham* (Mayor of Halhul), *Hilmi Hanun* (Mayor of Tulkarim), *George Hazbun* (Deputy Mayor of Bethlehem), *Anis al Qasm* (Municipal Council of Ashba), *Amin Shahada* (Mayor of Bir Zeit), *Jamil Othman Nasir* (Municipal Council of Jericho), *Ahmad Shouki* (Municipal Council of Janine), *Khalid al Asli* (Municipal Council of Khalil), *Aziz Saqiya* (Municipal Council of al Bira), *Nicola Awad* (Municipal Council of Ramallah), *Mahmud Abd al Haq* (Municipal Council of Kafr Hamin), *the Mayor of Qalqiliyya, Abdullah Sahawi* (Municipal Council of Beit Sahour), *Bishara Daoud* (Municipal Council of Beit Jala), The Municipal Council of Betounia, The Municipal Council of Araba, The Municipal Council of Dura, The Orthodox Church of Jerusalem, *Said al Din al Alami* (Mufti of Jerusalem), *Samir al Tawil* (Dean of the University of *Bethlehem*), The Administration and The Student Council of Bir Zeit University, The Islamic School.

Also, leaders of: The Red Crescent, The Doctor's Unions of Tulkarm and Nablus, Pharmicists Union, The Union of Civil Service Employees, The Engineers Union, The Tailors Union, The Machinists Union, The General Union of Workers, and The General Union of Women. And others. October 1, 1978



PLO leader Yassir Arafat: Israel is real terrorist

'Zionists have attempted to destroy an entire people'

The following interview with Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), appeared in the July/August issue of *The Link*, published by Americans for Middle East Understanding, Inc.

Q. Is the P.L.O. a terrorist organization?

A. You have refused to see the organized terrorism of the Zionists, who have attempted to destroy an entire people, and to say to the world: There are no Palestinian people.

You do not see the fascist characteristics of Begin, who [in 1946] blew up the King David Hotel in Jerusalem killing 93 persons, and who planned the [1947] massacre in the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin, in which 254 men, women and children were shot, pushed into a well, and covered with dirt. When Red Cross officials came to this village, they found the bodies, á few of them still breathing, and they have reported this terrorism to the world. You in the West have become so blinded by Zionist control in your media that you give one of the foremost terrorists, Begin, a peace prize.

The Israeli authorities call our commandos "terrorists" but all movements of national resistance have been called this — in France, for example, during the Nazi occupation. Our aims are military and economic.

Reprisals against civilians have only been made in answer to Israeli attacks: it was after the bombing of Irbid and Kafr-Kasr that a bomb was left in Jerusalem, and after the bombing of Salt that the attack on Tel-Aviv took place. [Irbid, Kafr-Kasr, and Salt are towns in Jordan with large Palestinian populations. They were heavily bombed by Israel prior to the 1970 civil war in Jordan.]

What is your definition of a terrorist? Of terrorism? Is it not terrorism to drive a people from their homes under threat of death? Is it not terrorism to murder men, women and children who cling to their land, their olive trees? Is it not terrorism to shoot students who demonstrate for their freedom?

Is it not terrorism to imprison, hold without charges and to brutally torture one out of every five Palestinian youths in the occupied territories? Is it not terrorism of an entire people that they, being forced to live under "emergency laws," have no right to protest? Don't you know that the Israelis are not forced to open their prisons for the world to know about this widespread and systematic torture?

Several hundred of our leaders in occupied Palestine were, one by one, over the past decade arrested at midnight, black sacks were put over their heads, and they were driven to the borders and expelled from their homeland, where their forefathers have lived for thousands of years. Our mayors in the West Bank are bombed, and their legs are blown off — by Israeli terrorists. Our mayors, democratically elected by our people, are expelled from office.

Is it not terrorism to send bulldozers to knock down Palestinian homes; is it not terrorism when armed gunmen storm Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, shooting and killing Palestinians worshipping there?

I classify most of the steps taken by the Israeli government against Palestinians since 1948 as terrorist actions. As part of their systematic terrorism, the Israeli Intelligence in the past decade has assassinated 16 of our outstanding leaders.

When an Israeli official was shot in Paris, the Zionists said the P.L.O. did it. The P.L.O. had nothing to do with that murder. But what kind of people is it that can mourn only when an Israeli is shot? Is not our beloved Naim Khader, killed by the Israelis in Brussels in 1981, or our beloved Abu Hassan, killed by the Israelis in Beirut in 1979, equal to any Israeli? Do we not also mourn? Are we not also human?

We Palestinians have struggled for our honor, our dignity, our homeland since before 1948, and our cause was as just then as it is today, but until we began our armed struggle in 1965, our cause was consistently ignored.

We have no airplanes, no bombs to drop from the air, we have no ships, and yet we face the organized terrorism of the Israeli-American war machine. We are fighting with our hearts, sometimes with only small stones. Was David, facing Goliath, the greatest terrorist of his day? The tactics of "terrorism" that we use are those the Americans used in their fight for freedom, that the French used in their fight for freedom, that the Algerians used in their fight for freedom. They are tactics against occupation, repression and oppression; they are legitimate means, for we have no other weapons, by which to survive.

Q. It is often said the P.L.O. wants to drive the Israelis into the sea. Is this true?

A. The P.L.O. has never advocated the annihilation of Israel. The Zionists started the "drive the Jews into the sea" slogan and attributed it to the P.L.O. We have repeatedly made suggestions of how Christians, Muslims and Jews can live together, in peace, in the Holy Land. In 1969, we said, we want to establish a democratic state where Jews, Christians and Muslims can live all together. The Zionists said they do not choose to live with any people other than Jews. They want a state only for Zionist-Jews. This, we believe, is as racist a concept as Hitler's idea of a state only for his kind.

We said to the Zionist-Jews, all right, if you do not want a secular, democratic state for all of us, then we will take another route. In 1974, I said, we are ready to establish our independent state in any part from which Israel will withdraw.

We, the victims, have offered two solutions: I have not said that we are going to throw anybody into the sea. We are offering options while the Zionists are offering only more annihilation, more oppression and new slavery to my people. They say we want to drive them into the sea. This is their guilt speaking, for having driven us from our lands — into the desert.

Q. Why don't you recognize Israel's right to exist?

A. You have to put into your consideration that it is the Israeli side who started this violence. The Zionists are the aggressors. The Zionists are the occupiers. Why are the victims of this aggression asked to "recognize" the occupiers? Up to what boundaries, up to what limits of their aggression do you yourself "recognize" the Zionists? To the borders given them in 1947?

Our people have been kicked out of our homeland and 60 percent of our people are living as refugees, homeless, stateless, in refugee camps, in very bad, very serious, very complicated circumstances.

They have been struggling, to live normal lives, but they are denied the right of nationhood and they must have identification cards and do not have the right to hold passports as Palestinians, and having no passports, they are not seen as first-class people by others, who are citizens of a state.

We, too, want our flag, our industries, our schools, our universities. We too want to be recognized. The Zionists who have stolen our orchards and farms and who refuse to allow our students to write poems about Palestine or to show the Palestinian flag, even the Palestinian colors, are denying us our human rights.

Begin is saying that "we will not recognize the Palestinians and we will not recognize the P.L.O."

Zionist Mr. Kissinger exacted a pledge from the United States that it would not *negotiate* with the P.L.O. But why not *talk* with us? Your own State Department people have pointed out that the agreement not to negotiate does not mean you can't talk with us. Why do you refuse to see us?

As long as you refuse to see us, to have a dialogue with words, there can be only one dialogue, and that is a dialogue through armaments.

I do not choose war.

But thus far, you give us no choice.

Q. Often one reads that the Israeli Jews are protecting the Christians of the Holy Land. Is this true?

Yassir Arafat

A. What a big lie. Arab Christians, like Arab Muslims, are persecuted and oppressed by the Zionists, and are second-class citizens in the "Jewish" state. The so-called "Jewish" state is a Zionist state. I do not recognize anything in Zionism that in any way is an expression of the noble Jewish religion, which we consider as part of our heritage and ethos, the same as Islam and Christianity.

We Palestinians are not fighting against Jews, but against Zionist ideology and institutions that have separated Jews from Palestinians and allowed the Zionist ruling elite — Jews from Poland and other Western countries — to dominate and persecute the Palestinians. Every Christian as well as every Muslim is a second-class citizen in the so-called "Jewish"-Zionist state.

We are struggling for the creation of a new society where Jews, Christians and Muslims can coexist with equal rights.

In my United Nations speech in 1974 I emphasized this theme when I said: ". . . I should return with my people out of exile to live (in Palestine) in one democratic state where Christian, Jew and Muslim live in justice, equality and fraternity."

Q. Why do you hope for final victory?

A. Israel's weak spot is the fact that it is engaged in an unjust war. Our struggle is beginning to prove this to the world.

All experience has proved that nationalism is a more powerful lever than prosperity. The essential effect on the armed struggle has been to restructure an uprooted and atomized society which had lost the desire to struggle. In this sense, the resistance, by its action, has re-created a sense of identity, and awakened the Palestinian national consciousness.

We are in the current of history. Remember, history has never witnessed the failure of a popular revolution.



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ISRAELI WAR CRIMES

When the invasion of Lebanon first began, U.S., officials were recorded gleefully commenting on the superb performance of America's new weapons. As the truth about these weapons has become known, however, it is cause for utmost concern. In violation of international law, Israeli troops have been systematically using U.S. supplied cluster bombs and white phosphorus bombs. The media has treated the use of these weapons with alarm, but has yet to fully inform the American public as to what they actually are or to raise the issue that their use violates internationai law.

Cluster bombs were first used against the people of Vietnam. The variety now being used consists of a cylindrical "mother bomb" which opens in the air and releases 640 bomblets. These round-shaped bomblets each explodes, sending shrapnel and as many as 300 pellets into the exposed flesh of anyone around. In some cases, the pellets are steel, but there is also a plastic pellet which is undetectable by X-rays.

Cluster bombs are a "conventional" neutron bomb; designed for one purpose only: killing and maiming human beings. Often a single person is inflicted with hundreds of wound punctures. Often a single pellet suffices to take a life away. The pellets are intended to cause ragged hard-to-heal wounds. This serves two functions: first it means that the energy of many people is required to care for the wounded, thereby "diverting" the fighting strength of the popular resistance. Furthermore, the sufferings of seriously wounded people is intended to serve as a way of demoralizing people even more than death itself.

White phosphorus bombs are even more disgusting. This weapon produces extremely high temperatures when it burns: somewhere between 3000 and 3500° Centigrade. A foreign film-maker has called these bombs "portable crematoria". The burning jelly is very sticky and adheres to the human body, turning the victims into living torches. The material burns for at least 24 hours, causing anyone who even contacts a small amount continuing agony. In addition to causing very serious burns, they also kill by giving off CO_2.

On May 17, 1981 (*more than a year before* Israel's current invasion of Lebanon) the small market town of Nabatiyeh in southern Lebanon was bombed with these weapons. Speaking of a family whose car was hit, an observer said: "His whole body was blackened and still burning. His face was so disfigured, you couldn't tell who it was. There was a horid stench from the smouldering phosphorus. My friend tried to lift the body of one of the children out of the car. When he touched the body, burning phosphorus stuck to his fingers and wouldn't stop burning. They had to cut off two of his fingers." Japanese investigators who have phosphorus bomb victims cannot help mentioning the burned victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Taking advantage of scientific and technical achievements, the U.S. has designed and manufactured anti-human weapons and given them to Israel. Israel has used these weapons despite the Geneva Convention's law prohibiting their use in an evident genocidal attack on Palestinians and Lebanese. By making these people into guinea pigs for new weapons, Israel and its supporters in the US have reached the level of barbarity which they accuse the Nazis of having attained.

Israel's war in Lebanon violates international law in several respects beside the unquestioned use of anti-personnel weapons specifically designed to maim their victims. According to the Geneva Convention of 1949 (Article 3, Section 2): "THE WOUNDED AND THE SICK SHALL BE COLLECTED AND CARED AFTER." The current Zionist seige of Beirut violates international law. The wounded are not allowed to leave nor are they allowed medical supplies.

Another example involves the Geneva Convention prohibition of "forcible transfers" of civilians. According to the *New York Times* (July 3, 1982), "the Israeli Army has systematically destroyed many of the Palestinians' houses that survived the battles, increasing the number of homeless families, many of them with children. . . The methodological destruction by the army, whose bulldozers often followed the demolition teams, carving rows of houses and narrow alleyways into broad boulevards of rubble, has coincided with the Israeli Government's accusations that news organizations have exaggerated the severity of the damage in the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon. But the damage in the refugee camps is much worse than in the cities, and the army has kept it out of the public view until recent days by barring reporters from the camps." Three Palestinian camps, Burj Al-Shemali, Kashidiye, and Ain El Helweh have been completely destroyed by Israeli bombs and bulldozers in a systematic and criminal war against the Palestinian people. "They are all terrorists," an Israeli army officer told the *New York Times*.

According to Dr. Steinar Berge, he, and another Norwegian doctor called Deyrind Moeller, had been working at a hospital and clinic in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain El Helweh near Sidon. He said the Israelis had bombed Sidon by land and sea and eventually flattened the camp, which had contained 80,000 Palestinians. The doctors then went to work at the Red Crescent hospital in Sidon.

"The next morning," Dr. Berge said, "they (the Israelis) ordered all the staff out, and Israeli soldiers spent three hours inside the hospital while the patients had no attention. They took some people away for interrogation and later arrested 90 per cent of the staff. The Israelis took away our only anesthetist, many doctors, the laboratory technicians. There were Iraqis, Egyptians and three doctors from Bangladesh."

Dr. Berge and his colleagues were taken to a school. "We were taken into a main courtyard where there were about 500 people sitting in the sun. Around them were seven armoured personnel carriers with heavy machine-guns and many armed soldiers. Most of them had sticks with nails in them or rope with lumps of iron, and they beat the prisoners regularly. I saw a 60-year-old man overcome with heat and lack of water. He was beaten by four or five soldiers. I saw seven killed in this way and I was told of another five, but I was only there for 36 hours for the interrogation. Some had been beaten to death, others had died from the heat."

Dr. Berge was put on a bus with Palestinians, destined for Israel. The Palestinians were hooded, and their hands were tied. "The soldiers took them out every so often and kicked them in the head. They stopped at kibbutzim to let people beat them. When we arrived at the prison the guards and soldiers had poles and beat the Palestinians as they came in the back gate. The Europeans were taken through the front." ●

THE UNTOLD NEWS ...

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supplies have been cut off by the Zionazis. The morale of the fighters and the people is high. The P.L.O. Leadership has strongly indicated that it will stay and fight. The only place where they want to go is Palestine.

OCCUPIED LAND:

On the West Bank, two Israeli military soldiers were wounded and two military vehicles destroyed. A general strike was announced in Bethlehem and Ramallah. El-Najah University in Nablus and Birzeit University were closed. A large demonstration at the teacher training center in Al-Tiereh occurred. Molotov cocktails and rocks were used. Israeli officials who report military casualties have been reported to have had nervous breakdowns while trying to inform the families of the soldiers. A large demonstration took place in Nablus and resulted in the martyrdom of two Palestinian youths. In Ramallah, two people were killed and 12 wounded by Israeli soldiers.

Daily demonstrations are taking place in many areas and are being brutally suppressed by Israeli troops. The majority of Palestinian workers have gone on strike. In Gaza, a general strike was announced and a large demonstration took place almost everyday. The mayor of Gaza was removed by the Zionist authorities. Media coverage is very scarce as censorship is strongly exerted, and reporters are not allowed to go into troubled areas.

JORDAN:

Massive demonstrations with sticks and rocks concentrated at the Jordanian University in Amman, both at Al-Wihdat refugee camp and in downtown Amman.

EGYPT:

There was a massive march on the Israeli embassy. The Egyptian army was called in to break up the demonstration, but instead a split occurred within the army. The Israeli ambassador had to be airlifted by helicopter to an unknown location, and the embassy was closed.

QATAR:

A Palestinian drove his car in the U.S. embassy compound. He had filled his car will rubber tires and set it ablaze.

FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

In Greece, 250,000 people demonstrated in front of the presidential palace in Athens. Thirty-thousand people demonstrated on June 10th in Paris in support of the P.L.O. In Rome, 10,000 people also demonstrated against Israel's barbaric invasion of Lebanon. Thirty thousand people marched in Brazil on June 12, 1982. In Tel Aviv, 100,000 demonstrators chanted "Peace with Palestine" and demanded the resignation of Sharon. In New York, six-to-eight thousand people demonstrated at the United Nations when Begin arrived. In Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, Dallas, Detroit, Chicago and many other cities there were P.L.O. support demonstrations. In San Diego, 400 people demonstrated at the Federal Building on June 28, 1982. The Office of the Arab League in Dallas, Chicago and San Francisco have been occupied by P.L.O. supporters. The non-aligned countries, the U.S.S.R., China, Cuba, Yugoslavia, Belgium, have all voiced support and solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The Human Toll

- Eight days after the Israeli invasion had begun, the American hospital in Beirut reported 40,000 casualties, including 15,000 dead within that total. Lebanon is a tiny country of less than 3 million. Proportionately speaking, this death rate is more than 20 times the deaths of U.S. GIs in the ten years of Vietnam war. According to a UN official, "Nobody knows how many bodies are under the rubble in Beirut, Tyre, or Sidon, and probably no one will know."
- There are now an estimated 700,000 refugees displaced by the invasion. This is almost a quarter of the Lebanese population. Many are stranded without food or water. This lack of sanitation and food has the highest toll on the children.
- Among the U.S.-made weapons used by the Israelis are white phosporus and cluster bombs. Both are anti-personnel weapons and internationally banned.

